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SUBJECT: PROTOCOLAIRE DOWN-GRADING OF LENINGRAD MAYOR

KAZAKOV

REF: MOSCOW 0156

1. SUMMARY. LENINGRAD MAYOR KAZAKOV HAS CLEARLY BEEN DOWN-GRADED IN SERIES OF RECENT PUBLIC LISTINGS OF THE LOCAL PARTY HIERARCHY. ALTHOUGH IN PUBLIC CEREMONIES LAST WEEK-END HE WAS INCLUDED IN TOP FOUR OFFICIALS OF AREA, HE WAS EXCLUDED ALTOGETHER IN LONG LIST CENTRAL AND LENINGRAD SIGNERS OF OBITUARY ON ACADEMICIAN BYKHOVSKIY IN JANUARY 30 PRAVDA. END SUMMARY.

2. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, MAYOR KAZAKOV, A FULL MEMBER OF CPSU CC, WAS NOT PRESENT AT CITY PARTY MEETING WHICH APPOINTED B.P. USANOV AS FIRST SECRETARY OF CITY PARTY COMMITTEE. WE HAVE LEARNED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT KAZAKOV RETURNED LENINGRAD FROM TRIP ABROAD ON NEXT DAY. IN OBITUARY FOR OLD BOLSHEVIK DORA LAZURKINA IN JANUARY 26 LOCAL PRESS, KAZAKOV WAS NOT ONLY NOT LISTED AMONG MEMBERS OF OBLAST' PARTY COMMITTEE (WHICH SENIOR TO CITY COMMITTEE), BUT HIS NAME APPEARED AFTER THOSE OF SEVERAL CITY PARTY SECRETARIES AS WELL AS AFTER SHIBALOV, CHAIRMAN OBLAST' ISPOLKOM, WHO UNTIL RECENTLY FOLLOWED KAZAKOV PROTOCOL-WISE. INCIDENTALLY, SHIBALOV'S POSITION ALSO SUGGESTS A PROTOCOL

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DEMOTION FOR HIM VIS-A-VIS PARTY SECRETARIES, AS HE ALSO IS

MEMBER OF OBLAST' PARTY COMMITTEE.

3. OBITUARY ON ACADEMICIAN B. YE. BYKHOVSKIY IN JANUARY 29  
LENINGRAD PAPERS FOLLOWED SAME ORDER AS LAZURKINA  
OBITUARY.

4. IN MEANTIME, LINE-UP AT CEREMONIES FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF LENINGRAD LAST WEEK-END WAS: ROMANOV, ARISTOV, SHIBALOV, AND  
KAZAKOV.

5. BYKHOVSKIY OBITUARY IN JANUARY 30 CENTRAL PRAVDA HAD SLIGHTLY  
LONGER AND DIFFERENT TEXT AND SIGNED BY LIST OF PERSONS INCLUDING  
5 MEMBERS OR CANDIDATES OF POLITBURO, INCLUDING ROMANOV. ONLY  
LENINGRAD PARTY FIGURES LISTED BESIDES ROMANOV WERE ARISTOV (FIRST  
SECRETARY OF CITY PARTY COMMITTEE), KRUGLOVA (SECRETARY OBLAST  
COMMITTEE) AND ANDREYEV (SECRETARY OF CITY PARTY COMMITTEE).  
NEITHER KAZAKOV, SHIBALOV, NOR USANOV WAS INCLUDED.

6. GIVEN FACT THAT KAZAKOV IS FULL MEMBER AND SHIBALOV CANDIDATE  
MEMBER OF CPSU CC, CENTRAL PRAVDA'S OMISSION OF THEIR NAMES IS  
FURTHER INDICATION THAT KAZAKOV AND SHIBALOV AS WELL ARE IN SOME  
KIND OF TROUBLE. WE ARE NOT IN POSITION FROM HERE JUDGE WHETHER  
THIS HAS MORE THAN LOCAL IMPLICATIONS. HOWEVER, LENINGRAD  
CITY/OBLAST' RANKS WITH BUT AFTER MOSCOW CITY, AND ON SAME  
PLANE WITH REPUBLICS, IN ITS HIERARCHICAL RELATIONSHIP TO  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND PRESEMAPLY CPSU CC.GLEYSTEEN

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